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SUBJ: TRUCKS FOR MALI

REF: STATE 012336

1. CHARGE INFORMED MINDEFENSE ABOUT ARRIVAL CHRYSLER TRUCKS ABIDJAN. DOUKARA PREFERS TO USE US \$10,000 MENTIONED REFERENCED CABLE TO PURCHASE GASOLINE FOR DRIVING TRUCKS FROM ABIDJAN TO BAMAKO. HE SUGGESTS THAT TOTAL AMOUNT BE PAYABLE TO HIM AND THAT HE WILL SUBMIT PAID GASOLINE BILLS IN JUSTIFICATION EXPENDITURES OR, IF PREFERRABLE TO U.S., HE WILL SUBMIT UNPAID BILLS TO EMBASSY FOR PAYMENT UTILIZING THIS FUND. DOUKARA DOES NOT BELIEVE SHIPMENT SPARE PARTS ABIDJAN TO BAMAKO WILL REQUIRE

ANY SPECIAL FUNDING FROM U.S. AND THAT GOM CAN HANDLE SHIPMENT.

2. DOUKARA INFORMED CHARGE THAT PREPARATIONS MADE TO UTILIZE TWO ROUTES FOR TRANSPORTING GRAIN TO SIXTH REGION:

(A) SEGOU-NIONO-GOUDAM-TIMBUKTU ROAD AND (B) MOPTI-GAO ROAD. IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE SOON PER DOUKARA/WILLIAMS LETTER, DOUKARA ESTIMATES THAT MOPTI-GAO ROAD CAN BE REPAIRED AND MADE FULLY FUNCTIONAL BY MID-MARCH. HE HAS ALREADY POSITIONED GASOLINE DEPOTS AT TWO PLACES ON THIS ROAD. IN MEANTIME, DOUKARA WILL USE TRUCKS ON SEGOU-NIONO-TIMBUKTU ROUTE WHICH RUNS ON LEFT

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BANK OF NIGER. HE CLAIMS THAT AS RESULT RECENTLY COMPLETED TEST RUNS THESE ROADS, HE IS CONFIDENT BOTH ROADS CAN BE

USED TO RESUPPLY SIXTH REGION PROVIDED ONLY THAT CHRYSLER TRUCKS HOLD UP OVER ROUGH TERRAIN.

3. DOUKARA OBVIOUSLY PLEASED AND IMPRESSED BY EFFECTIVE AND TIMELY RESPONSE HIS TRUCK REQUEST BY AID WASHINGTON, AND IT APPEARS HE HAS TAKEN NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF GRAIN HAULING BY ROAD TO AVOID COSTLY AIRLIFT. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE ASAP AVAILABILITY REMAINING FUNDS THIS DEAL PARTICULARLY 10,000 NEEDED FOR BRINGING TRUCKS TO BAMAKO.
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